

## Claims

What is claimed is:

1. An artificial pond reef, said reef being of sheet material in the general shape of an inverted tub, said pond reef including a peripheral base portion, sidewalls extending up from said base portion, and a roof;

said base portion including a horizontal flange extending out from said sidewalls;

said sidewalls extending up from said base portion and supporting said roof, said sidewalls including apertures for movement of marine life through said reef;

said roof adapted to support and retain decorative enhancements thereon;

said reef including holes through said sheet material for the growth of flora therethrough;

said base portion, sidewalls, and roof being surface-shaped and contoured to give said reef an appearance of natural rock formation.

2. An artificial pond reef as defined in claim 4, wherein said sheet material is dark in color and of a matte finish to promote bacteria growth and to enhance adhesion of said bacteria thereto.

3. An artificial pond reef as defined in claim 4, said roof further including an opening to receive a removable receptacle for decorative enhancements.

4. An artificial pond reef formed from sheet material into the shape of an inverted tub or the like, said pond reef including a peripheral supporting base portion, generally vertical sidewalls extending up from said base portion, and a roof;

said base portion extending outward from said sidewalls, and including a horizontal flange;

said sidewalls extending up from said base portion and supporting said roof, said sidewalls including apertures for movement of fish and other marine life through said reef;

said roof configured and adapted to support and retain decorative enhancements thereon;

said reef including holes through said sheet material to permit and guide the growth of flora therethrough;

said base portion, sidewalls, and roof being surface-shaped and contoured to give said reef an appearance of natural rock formation.

5. An artificial pond reef as defined in claim 4, wherein said sheet material is dark to promote bacteria growth thereon, and said material has a matte surface to enhance adhesion of bacteria thereto.

6. An artificial pond reef as defined in claim 4, said roof further including an opening to receive a removable receptacle for decorative enhancements.